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September 28, 1979

Mr. Michael Crawforth
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Dear Mr. Crawforth:

I am an early member of ISASC and have admired your scholarship and organizational abilities through those publications. I collect, research and write on numismatic subjects, both British and American as an avocation. In this connection I collect counterfeit detectors, coin scales, coin changers, coin sorters, coin counters, mechanical pub tills and other mechanisms involving coin handling.

I had a long talk with Bob Stein and he suggested that I should write to you. I am going to be in London from 14 October to 14 November 1979. My wife and I have rented a flat at 46 Upper Grosvenor St. We rent from Lupus Properties, 49 Hill St., London W1x 7 FQ. I would so much like to meet you if you are in London during that period. Would you write me in London if there is a chance. Of course, if you receive this letter in time to write to America that is even better as I leave on 11 October 1979.

I have 9 of the telescoping boxed guinea scales, of which 3 are incomplete. I could send the incomplete ones to you if you have broken ones too and we could work out a division of the assembled ones perhaps. I have several Avery ones, a Kirkbride, and some ~~early~~ ones with instructions but no maker. I would like to buy a copy of your book on them, so if you want to mail me one to London I'll gladly remit for it.

Do you know where I could acquire some of the items I listed above? Do you have any available or you might know where some can be obtained. The English mechanical pub tills I have are all in operating order (two by Cox and one by Loftus). So are my changers.

I told Bob Stein that someone in U.S. should check the early American libraries for scale catalogs and literature as this seems quite a neglected field. I found an American 1857 scale catalog and let Bob Stein acquire it for his collection as this was out of my field. He plans to reprint it, I believe.

I hope I can hear from you as it is such a pleasure to find a scientific enthusiast in a fascinating collecting area. I wish I could have attended the San Francisco assembly.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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6 Oct 79



Dear Mr. Newman,

I am delighted to hear from you and I definitely think we should meet, if at all possible - I'm sure we have a lot to talk about.

Why don't you and Mrs Newman come and visit us one weekend while you are here? I have over 300 coin scales and counterfeit coin detectors, many of them unusual or rare, and I'm sure you would find them interesting.

I suggest you telephone me as soon as you arrive and we will discuss arrangements. You can get to Sunderland by car in 6 hours, by train 4½ hours (come to Durham station), or by air in 1 hour (come to Newcastle airport). We will collect you from the station or the airport. We have a small house with no guest room, so I will reserve a room at a hotel for you, if you wish.

Regarding your hunt for scales, changers, sorters etc, I can only mention the main places where coin scales can be found: Arthur Middleton (ISASC), 12 New Row, Covent Garden: Portobello Rd, on Saturday (get there by 8.30am): Caledonian Market, Bermondsey (get there by 7.00am on Friday): King's Rd, Chelsea - Antiquarius, Chisil and Chelsea antique supermarkets: Gray's Antique supermarket, Davies St, off Oxford St.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you, please try and come to Sunderland.

P.S. My book is available from the publisher, Arthur Middleton. (address above)

Sincerely,

Michael Crawford

ALL IN
LONDON.

Contents of letter 3/Nov 1979
to Crawford.



Scholin Brothers

PRINTING COMPANY

Please fix the brass scale frame
which has a ^{wrong} button and perhaps a
spring, add weight and labels. I was lucky
to get it

I need a hanger from the bottom of
a ^{small} iron balance.

Noor

Sealy included your book which I sent of
sealy (spelt your name wrong) and said I knew well
follow. He ~~added~~ ^{suggested that} write the review when I told
~~him about my~~ ^{your work} ~~project~~ ^{was abt}

Returning Wm III coin weights as I obtained
me ones ^{of better} ~~weight~~ ^{weight}

I am delighted to have obtained the YOUNG
Schol. It is in perfect ^{usable} condition except for
the box button and an excellent buy for rarity.

~~If you are~~

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which represents 4000 reis. There is a
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Vice Chairman of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium:

Dear Eric,

18 Nov '79

We very much enjoyed having you and Evelyn ~ it was a marvellous weekend, and one which I hope we will repeat. I'm so glad you were able to come and see us.

I am delighted with the review and with the Youngs scale ~ thank you very much. I made a couple of minor changes to the review and typed it out. I have sent a copy to Seabys, and another to Arthur Middleton with the suggestion that he should try to get it in English numismatic magazines.

Your brass cased folder is a nice example, almost certainly made by C. Ward, and I will restore it for you with pleasure. I warn you that I cannot make convincing weights or velvet linings because the age and colour are too difficult to reproduce. I will be happy to do this and the other repairs in return for your kindness, and your generosity with the magenta box scale. The only problem is finishing time ~ I am currently six months behind on repairs! As for the scales you are sending from America for repair I will give you a report on them when I have seen what's involved.

The boys are thrilled to have the bicycle book, and they particularly like the technical approach ~ the only problem was who was going to read it first!

Diana says wouldn't Evelyn like to have her job just now ~ she has to make two medieval tapestries for the school hall! Huntsmen chasing unicorn and deer etc (painted of course!).

Regards,
Michael

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November 26, 1979

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Dear Michael and Dianne:

My brother-in-law is visiting England and I took this opportunity to send you my derelicts for possible repair, etc.

Firstly, I enclose £200 in American Express checks and £15 in cash to cover Bell (110), Harrison (45), Houghton (80) and Young (55) less Young (45) and Leather and velvet fitted case (30) or net £215.

I am enclosing a scarce piece of 1779 two color American paper money which has the scales of justice. I also found my duplicate Mombasa coin with scales and if you can return the 1794 coin I previously sent you I would appreciate it as I do not have it in my collection. I also enclose counterfeit 50¢ pieces and a dollar for your American detectors. If you want more coins with scales I'll gladly seek them.

The lovely weekend we spent together has often been the topic of comments between Evelyn and me as well as others. We really were delighted with it and look forward to a visit from you.

I saw a pub exhibit at the Museum of London and guess what was on the bar - a mahogany and glass sovereign and half sovereign changer with brass cups for the change stacked inside the glass front. This is the type I would like you to locate for me. I will pay whatever price is reasonable.

I have not received the revised copy of the book review from you but hope to receive it by the time this packet reaches you so I can distribute the review.

I found that my copper appearing coin plate on one of my folding scales was brass when I cleaned it. You were right, but it had a copper red patina.

As I told you, I desperately need a 7sh coin weight for a Japanned box scale I bought. It has three weight holes and only two weights. The hole of the missing weight is $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter. The numbers on the other weights are incuse and they have an overhanging lip as you said all of that type seem to have. The other weights have an anchor hallmark and are marked 5 8 and 2 16 with a  on the top of the stem.

There is no rush in returning my brass folding balance and my iron scale ~~that~~ you are fixing.

I am enclosing my folding box listed by you as #17 on p. 85 with one weight, uprights and connecting bar, but no beam or hangar parts. I have no other folding scale like this and hope you can find the missing parts and a proper button for the box.

Mr. Michael A. Crawfordth
November 26, 1979
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Another guinea scale enclosed is missing a hangar and its hinge and lift are broken. Perhaps you have a way to fix it. If so, that would be nice.

The third scale has a small box gap, one upright and the hangar is missing. This is for you to keep for parts.

I ordered the Security Pacific Corp. annual 1977 report and my scale is almost identical. I also ordered Antique Machines & Curiosities.

I have not forgotten the information on the Portuguese coins which will be forthcoming in due course. I also will list my folding scales for you.

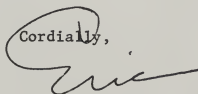
I still need a round $\frac{1}{2}$ pistol coin weight if you find one with Louis XIV on it.

As to the coffee flavor which you are so deprived of I have found another person allergic to coffee and she recommended CA FIX made in West Germany or PERO made in Switzerland. These are available in health food stores. I'll send one in the packet if I can find it. They are cheaper than coffee.

I have not forgotten American vending machine coin testers and will get to that later. If you find any English ones for me that would be nice.

Please give your boys our best and hope their bicycling, bottle and other activities are fun. We wish we lived closer but the world is small.

With appreciation and good fellowship,

Cordially,


Eric P. Newman

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12/27/79

Happy New Year to all
of you

I presume you received my
last packet mailed by my
brother-in-law to you from England
where he was visiting.

Here is the material on
Portuguese money from the
best English source of the
period. I have the book in
my library.

Enelyn joins me in
sending greetings.

Eric

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

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3 January 1980

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Dear Mr Newman

Many thanks for your letter of November 16th. I am very glad that you enjoyed our displays, and it was very interesting to hear your comments when you visited the Museum.

The coin changer in our pub display is marked as follows:

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I regret that I have been unable to find any written sources on the subject of coin changers or pub tills.

Yours sincerely

C. Manton

Colin Manton
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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

January 10, 1980

G. Cabell Busick
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Re: W.H. Ell
English Patents

Dear Chris:

This will confirm our January 10, 1980, telephone conversation in which I asked you to obtain copies of the following English patents of the 1890-1910 era for a coin changer:

W.H. Ell's Patent "Safechek"
Improved Patent by W.H. Ell & Co.

You told me that you did not have access to English patents but that your British associate could run an index search for about \$50.00 - \$75.00.

Cordially yours,


Peggy Gregory

cc: Eric P. Newman

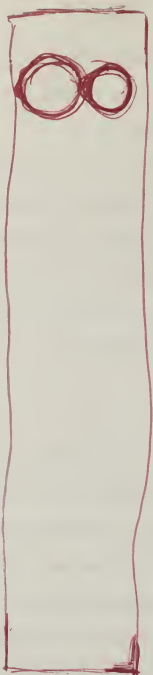
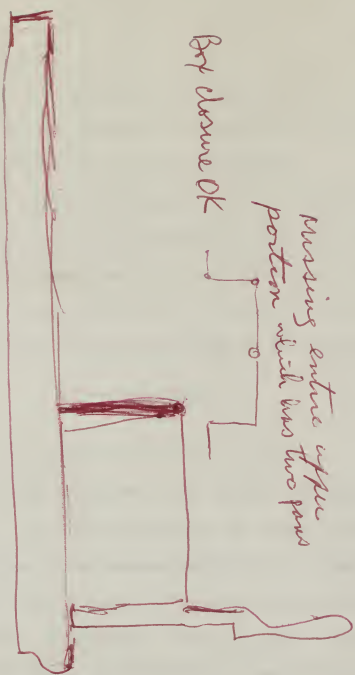
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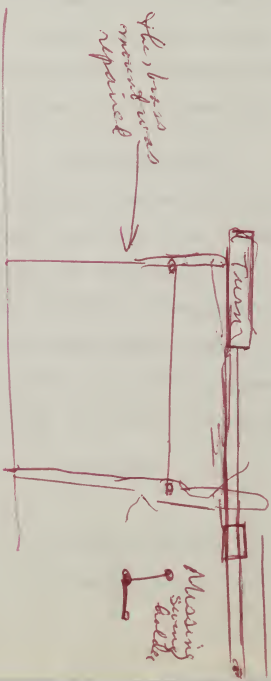
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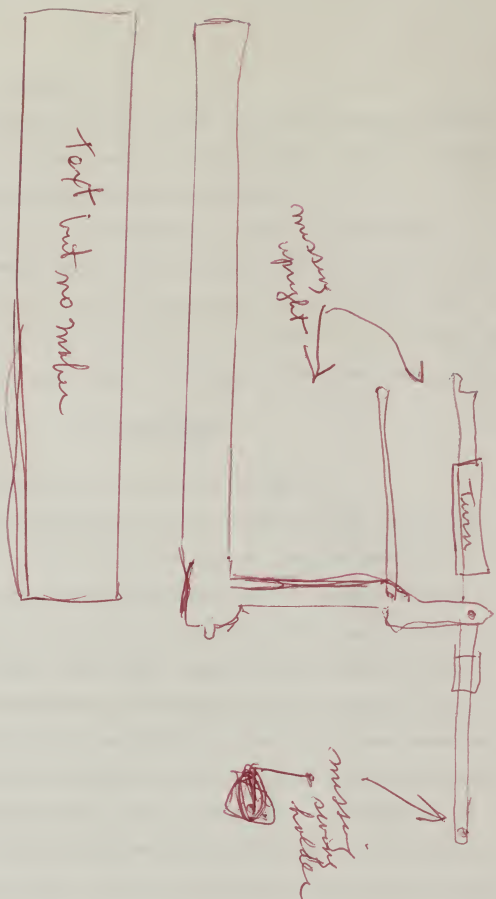
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Dear Eric,

13 Jan 80

I have just been away on business for ten days, and returned to a knee-deep pile of correspondence which I'm trying to wade through!

Mary thanks for sending the coffee substitute (a very kind thought), the scales, coin, paper money, counterfeits, xerox of Kelly's Cambist, and of course, the cheque. The drink has proved ideal, and it is a standard part of my diet now. Luckily, it is stocked at a local shop, under the name CARO.

There should be no problem about doing your repairs ~ only that of time ~ so I will proceed as soon as I can fit them in. My standard charge for the repairs, some of which are extensive, would total £58. Your generosity over the Seaby's scale, and in giving me the broken folder, counterfeits etc, must surely put us in "equilibrium".

I am returning the coin with scale illustration, thanks for lending it to me. Also enclosed is a magazine item about Hutton & Palmer biscuit boxes, for Evelyn.

Bruce is now driving (very well, thankfully), and Andrew has 264 bottles ~ so life goes on as usual ~ hecticly.

Do come again ~ we did enjoy your visit.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Regards,

Michael

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February 14, 1980

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Dear Michael:

Evelyn and I were glad to hear from you. We hope the special coffee taste is continuing to satisfy your taste buds.

I am enclosing an East India Co. coin with a scale and an Israeli postage stamp with a scale. I have several other coins in my collection with scales and will send you any duplicates I locate.

I am enclosing the patent drawings of the coin changer which I wish you could find for me. The item is described as Ell's Coin Changer and Coin Tester. It has a mahogany case. There are various models, but any will suit the purpose.

I look forward to the return of the scales you are repairing, whenever you can complete them.

I visited Bob Stein in Chicago and I told him about our visit. We talked about the need to establish a scale museum somewhere some day.

The review of your book was published in various places and I am enclosing one from World Coins. I hope the book is selling and that you will continue with your writing.

I am glad that Andrew has hit the bottle hard - from a collector's point of view. Bruce can drive him to the places to look for bottles and both will be happy.

Evelyn joins me in wishing our best to you, Dianne and the boys.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Dear Eric,

23 Mar 80

Many Thanks for sending me the coin and stamp bearing scales ~ nice additions to my side collection.

The coin changer patent is lodged in my memory and if I come across one, I will get it for you, up to about £150.

Delighted with the reviews, yours and several others, have appeared in England, also. The book continues to sell, slowly but steadily.

Repairs to your scales are proceeding, but not very fast due to overwork and mediocre health. One is complete ~ the brass cased one probably made by C. Ward c1785. I am sending it to you by separate parcel, with a modest customs valuation. Please let me know when it arrives. The others I will get to you as and when I can. ~ some of the restoration is extensive, e.g. a new beam, 2 new hangers, new plate & pan. This represents many hours of work.

Our London Convention is going to be the biggest and most international ISASC meeting so far held ~ wish you could both come.

Regards to you both,

Michael

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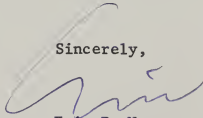
April 1, 1980

Mr. Michael A. Crawfordth
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ENGLAND

Dear Michael:

Thank you so much for finding the mahogany change till.
I am enclosing £290 in American Express checks, being number *501 958
900* for £50, and numbers *411 037 285* to *411 037 296* inclusive for
£20 each. Please hold the item for me for further instructions.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

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Dear Eric,

26 April 80.

Many thanks for sending the cheques so promptly. The sovereign changer is now in our attic awaiting your further instructions. If it is to be shipped, it will need very careful packing because of the glass which already has a slight crack. I have checked it over in relation to the patent and it all seems good. It also has the attractive addition on top of the case, of a decorative nameplate which states W.H. ELL'S PATENT 'SAFECHER'. MANUFACTURERS W.H. ELLS & CO. REGD. DESIGN. The door has a label inside for LUMB & REYNOLDS LD. BAR FITTERS, BRADFORD. There are two locks (no keys) each marked W.H. ELLS, LONDON, and the mahogany case is stamped 2044 - presumably the serial number. Inside, the brass work is stamped PATENT 22067 W.H. ELL. Of course, there are some signs of age and use, but they are very minor, and I'm sure you will be pleased with it.

If you would like to leave it here until you can collect it personally, that is fine. It will not be in our way.

Regards,
Michael.

P.S. We saw a magnificent cast iron coin-changer by W & T Avery (!) in John Lounds' collection recently. It is missing some interior parts, so he might contact you for help with patent drawings.

May 6, 1980

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Dear Michael:

Thank you for obtaining and for taking care of the Ell changer. I'll figure out some way to get it but it is so thoughtful of you to find it and hold it for me. However, if you locate another one I would like to buy it also to get more cups and not to have to make keys. I can always dispose of the poorest duplicate here, I believe, unless you want to do so.

As to the Avery coin changer, I suggest contacting Avery for the patent as they must have it in their files. It is a great nuisance to have an attorney search the patent office in England unless one knows the date, or number as the cost of the search is ridiculous. Maybe the Avery one isn't patented. I have a Garrett Bijou Gold Coin Changer, so I know the parts in it (it is cast iron as you know).

Thank you for repairing so beautifully
~~It was not clear to me whether you sent me the brass box~~
folding scale or not. *to me* Nothing has arrived so I presume you are still holding it with the others. *The little iron balance goes into my 104 box*

The double Cox Pub Till I found in Canterbury arrived and it has coin racks and a push bar 180 degrees offset. It is for the inside center table of a U shaped bar so the bartender or bartenders can get at it from either side. It says it is patented to help the customer check to see what amount he paid, but actually it is to keep the clerk from stealing the proceeds by making the clerk put the exact amount of the sale in the till in front of the customer.

Evelyn joins me in sending you all our best. I have another coin for you with a scale.

Cordially,

Eric
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June 2, 1980

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Dear Michael:

My review of your book just appeared in The Numismatist and I enclose a copy for you. This magazine has a 25,000 circulation mostly in the U.S.A.

I was just offered another changer, the picture of which is enclosed. It must be similar to the one you are holding for me, but made under patent No. 22754. This one has the Cox name on a brass plate which is outside the glass and has two slots in the brass. The drawers below the brass change outlet are in bad condition. Does mine have a brass plate with slots on the outside of the front and what does it say on it?

If the locks on the one you are holding are open and can be removed from inside I could have them brought or sent here to have keys fitted. Perhaps you know someone there who would do it reasonably. The locks usually come apart readily so keys can be fitted with ease. Use your judgment.

As to similar changers, I now realize there are several types so if another comes along, please buy it for me whether it is identical to the first one or not. The Museum of the City of London has one in its pub exhibit as I may have mentioned before.

As to the glass crack it is often a safety measure to put criss crossed sticky tape on both sides of the glass to keep it from breaking in transit. I have no shipping instructions for you as yet.

Incidentally your friend with the Avery changer could go to their museum in Birmingham and possibly see what his missing parts look like. He could duplicate those parts.

Evelyn joins me in sending you all our best.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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Dear Eric,

8 June 80.

I will be happy to look out for another EU charger for you ~ but I don't think you appreciate just how rare they are, and how fortunate we were to find one that is only missing its keys and a few cups!

It is only the second coin charger we have seen for sale in 10 years antique-ing.

Your little iron scale is now repaired and is coming by separate package, posted at the same time as this letter. It may be some time before I can do the other scale which requires many hours of work.

We saw a superb book in the Bodleian Library in Oxford. It is a recent publication, a sumptuous colour production called "British Biscuit Tins," very large format and thick, 215 pp. It is by M.J. Franklin and published by New Cavendish Books (1979). of 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE. We both thought of Evelyn when we saw it!

Regards,

Michael

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June 24, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Crawforth
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Dear Michael and Diane:

The 1695 scale came before your letter arrived and the repair is superbly done. You must have cannibalized the missing part from another similar old scale. Thanks so much.

Equilibrium arrived and we read carefully the contribution of Diane - the first installment of her careful search for background detail on the English scale makers. She was too modest about its difficulty and depth when she told us about it in England. Please keep up your fine research, Diane, as you have much to uphold in your joint husband and wife team accomplishments.

I am now preparing the exhibits in the money museum I am preparing in St. Louis and I have a case full of coin scales and a case of changers and counting devices.

The editorship of Equilibrium must be generating great enthusiasm because I believe it has broad appeal to all types of collectors and students. You are truly appreciated by yours truly. It is some balancing act to please such a variety of people.

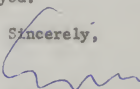
What you state about the rarity of the cup type mahogany changer makes me appreciate what you obtained for me even more. I presume you will send me the text written on the various parts of it at your convenience.

I plan to meet Bill Doniger in San Francisco in August and hope we have fun together. He probably doesn't eat fish unless they have scales on them.

Evelyn is going to order the book you suggested on English tins and thanks you for the bulletin.

Our very best to all of you.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

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5 July '80

Dear Eric,

I am most grateful for your continued efforts to publicise my book. We might even reach the stage soon, when I will get some royalties!

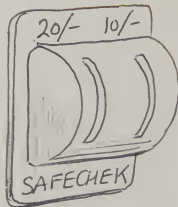
Your changer does have a brass plate on the front, in the middle of the glass. It has a bow front containing the slots, with 20/- and 10/- above and SAFECHEK below.

Best regards
Michael



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27 Aug 80

Dear Eric,

I was very surprised last weekend, to find a money-changer at our local antique fair! It has a dark oak case about 12 inches high and was used by the barman in a pub. It supplies silver change for a 10/- note (2/6, 2/6, 2/-, 2/-, 1/-), or ditto plus a 10/- note as change for a £1 note. See Sketch enclosed.

When the drawer is opened, a bell rings automatically and a brass slide is automatically pulled forward dispensing the coins onto a curved brass tray above the drawer. The coins are stored in heavy glass tubes which enable the user to see when supplies are running low. It all seems to be in working order and in good condition. There is a supplier's nameplate on it, and the name QUIK TIC with a partly obliterated patent number.

Needless to say, at the price of £80, I got it for you, without hesitation - hope you will like it.

Best regards,
Michael

QUIKTIL

5 GLASS TUBES FOR
2/6, 2/6, 2/-, 2/-, 1/- COINS
(CHANGE FOR 10/-).

LABEL:

GASKELL & CHAMBERS
BAR FITTERS

109-115 BLACKFRIARS RD.
LONDON SE 1.

LABEL ON BACK: →

QUIKTIL
PATENT NO. - 6,886,26

HINGED LID LOCKS -
ACCESS TO TUBES
FOR FILLING WITH
COINS

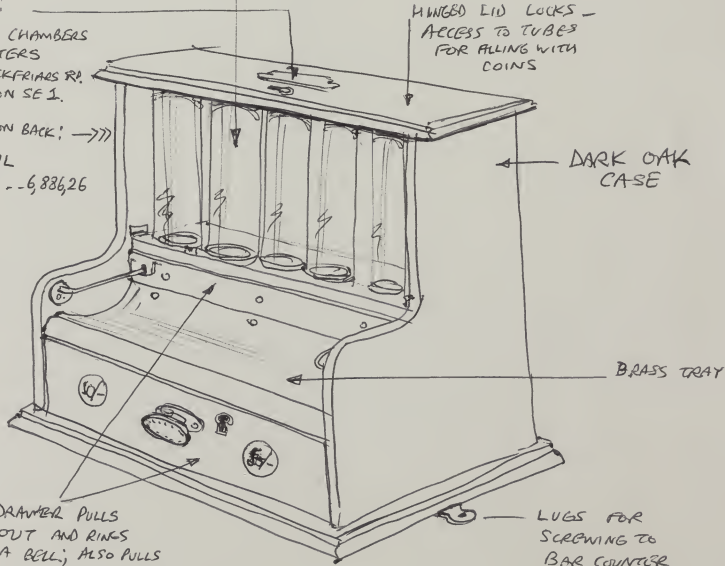
DARK OAK
CASE

BRASS TRAY

LUGS FOR
SCREWING TO
BAR COUNTER

DRAWER PULLS
OUT AND RINGS
A BELL; ALSO PULLS
OUT A BRASS SLIDE
AUTOMATICALLY DISPENSING
COINS INTO BRASS TRAY.

DRAWER DIVIDED INTO TWO
COMPARTMENTS FOR
10/- AND 1/- NOTES.



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October 1, 1980

Mr. Michael A. Crawforth
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Dear Michael:

You were very thoughtful to acquire the changer for me at the recent Antique Fair. I am familiar with this type of changer and am delighted to have what you bought for me. I am glad the bell rings. I assume you will keep the new changer along with the other changer until I can make plans for transport.

About a month ago I visited the home of Bill Dunniger and saw his fantastic collection. He had one of these as well as just about everything else I have ever heard of. We had a very nice time together.

Since you are going to continue to look for things for me I am enclosing two checks, one for £141.60 and one for £149.59, for a total of £291.19. Subtracting your payment of £80, this leaves £211.19. Please keep this money for me until further notice for future use and you may leave it in an interest bearing account on which you should keep the interest.

I have located for you a silver Mexican piece of the Mexico City Mint which has a beautiful scale on it. It is crown size. I want to be sure you do not have it before I arrange to send it your way.

The reason you have not heard from me sooner is that Evelyn and I were on a vacation and just got back.

My kindest regards to you and the rest of the family.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

26 Oct '80



Dear Eric,

Many thanks for the cheques. Your money is now in a deposit account, and I will continue to look out for changers for you. Both the changers are safe in my attic, awaiting your instructions ~ no hurry.

I do not have the Mexican coin you mentioned ~ it sounds beautiful, and I look forward to seeing it.

Did you add any scales/weights to your collection during your vacation?

Sincerely,
Michael



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24 Nov 1980

Dear Michael

Thank you for repairing my folding scale.
It must have required you to cannibalize parts from
others and I am appreciative.

I note that you write about the rarity of the thick
guage in the folding scale I brought to show you. I
probably should have bought the other one I saw, but
it was missing some weights and had a broken lip. I think
it was before I knew what I had found. At least I bought one.

I am glad your attic has a place for my two
changers. Naturally I would hope more items could
be located for my attic board. If you see a Cox or
Heftas pub till of the large wide size (wings on each side
to a total width of $30'' \pm$) I could use it. I have several
varieties of the smaller ones. If any more folding scales
come along which I don't have I'll be glad to add them
but I have 20 now. I do not have a shark skin or
ray skin scale box with contents.

I am enclosing a Mombasa coin with a
scale on it. I have other coins with scales but
cannot mail them with certainty of delivery. I
may ~~pass through~~ London in July or August 1981 but
this is time for that to develop. Keep the Mombasa piece. I'll
find something to put it in. I found nothing in China except opium scales.

I found a Scale maker but he had only vegetable
steelrind types which everyone uses in the street.

Guelyn & I are working hard to open my coin
museum in about a month. It is well lighted
and I hope security tight. It will have paper money
coins, scales, counterweights and all memorabilia.

Incidentally I need a 7 lb weight ~~one~~ for one
of my scales and you said they are tough to find. It is the
type which fits in two pink topped wood blocks for 3
weights. I have the other two weights. You just might find
one.

Also I don't know how to make a scale suspension
knob. I have green cotton fishing line and want to put it
on some scales. Do you know how to knot or tie up the
portion just under the beam? Have you thought of something
trump as you probably know the method?

Guelyn joins me in sending you our best regards
and wishing Dick and the boys a fine Xmas holiday.

Most cordially,

Excuse photography but that includes me to
keep a "carbon" of your letter which I am.

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1. Advert for Fairbanks' Infalible Scale Co. counterfeit coin detector.
2. Advert for John Alexander's gold coin scale
3. Advert for Chatillon's counterfeit coin detector.
4. Public notice of 1769 offering reward for the capture of clippers, false winners, counterfeiters etc.
5. Public notice of 1769 announcing the capture of coiners & committing them to York Castle.
6. Proclamation 1672 by Charles II making current copper farthings and half-pence.

I have kept a copy of this, so just let me know the numbers of interest, if any, M.